

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4-7 are amended, and claim 9 is added. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 4-7 is found at least in original claim 3. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claim 3 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in that claim. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants filed an Amendment After Final Rejection with a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time, on May 29, 2007. The June 13, 2007 Advisory Action indicates that the amendments to the claims would not be entered. The Advisory Action further indicates that Applicants' arguments with respect to the rejection of claims 1, 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0152904 to Doty are not persuasive. The Office Action refers Applicants to the Final Rejection for support for the Examiner's proposition that Doty allegedly teaches features that can reasonably be considered to correspond to a "distribution server further comprises a storing unit configured to store notational data, which the user has entered into the browsing client in accordance with the slide data displayed on the screen, in association with the user and the slide data." This assertion in the Advisory Action is discussed below.

The Office Action, in paragraph 3, objects to the specification for allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the feature "computer-storage medium." Applicants respectfully traverse this objection.

It should be noted that claims 6 and 7 were amended, as discussed with the Examiner in the November 16, 2006 personal interview, to include this language to overcome a rejection of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §101. The Examiner agreed to the inclusion of this language by amendment. Applicants submit that the totality of the disclosure provides

sufficient support for a computer program stored on a computer-storage medium. For example, page 7, lines 20-24 of the specification state that the distribution server 1, the browsing client 2, the editing client 3 and the management client 4 execute a program in accordance with the present invention by using computer hardware, and may perform predetermined processing.

This computer program, executed by using computer hardware, would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to be stored on a computer-storage medium. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 6, rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Doty. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1 and 4-8 recite, among other features, that the distribution server further comprises a storing unit configured to store notational data, which the user has entered into the browsing client in accordance with the slide data displayed on the screen, in association with the user and the slide data. At least this feature cannot reasonably be considered to be taught, or to have been suggested, by the applied reference.

The Office Action, on page 7, asserts with respect to original claim 3 that Doty's disclosure in paragraph [0143], lines 25-30, teaches a feature of that invention that is considered to correspond to the above-quoted feature. This assertion is incorrect. Doty teaches a notes feature that "allows a learner to make notes as the material is being presented and they can review their notes at any time from the student portal." Doty merely teaches that a learner can make and store notes. Doty fails to teach that notes are associated with the user and slides. The fact that a user can make notes while material is being presented cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, any feature that corresponds to storing notational data in association with the user and the slide data, as positively recited in claims 1 and 4-8.

The Advisory Action, on page 3, asserts that Doty teaches features that can reasonably be considered to correspond to the above-quoted features of claims 1 and 4-8. Specifically, the

Advisory Action refers back to the Office Action, in which it is asserted that [0143] of Doty discloses features that can reasonably be considered to correspond to the above-quoted feature of the independent claims. The Office Action asserts that paragraph [0143] referring to Fig. 15 in Doty, which teaches that the classroom interface can further include a notes feature that allows a learner to make notes as the material is being presented and the learners can review their notes at any time from the student portal, corresponds to the above quoted feature. This assertion overly broadly interprets what Doty can reasonably be considered to teach. Specifically, the education system taught in Doty allows the user to review their entire notes after completion of the section. Doty further teaches that the same classroom interface can be used for review of the notes. However, Doty cannot reasonably be considered to teach that notes relating to one slide are stored in association with that slide. Instead, an entire set of notes is stored without reference to the streaming video, interactive media or custom branding, that Doty is teaching in Fig. 15 by the educational system of Doty.

For at least the above reasons, Doty cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of all of the features recited in at least independent claims 1 and 4-8. Further, claim 2 would also not have been suggested by the applied prior art reference for at least the dependence of this claim on allowable independent claim 1, as well as for the subject matter that claim 2 recites.

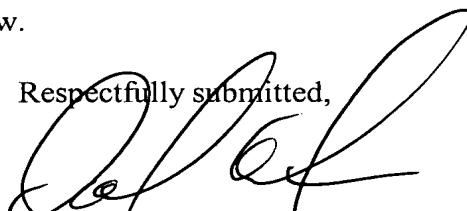
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Doty are respectfully requested.

Further, for the reasons set forth above, Doty also cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the feature of a "distribution server comprises a storing unit configured to store notational data, which the user has entered into the browsing client in accordance with the slide data displayed on the screen, in association with the user and the slide data," positively recited in claim 9.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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